

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to a device for lifting and displacing a tongue blade of a switch ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The object of the invention is, therefore, to provide a tongue lifting device of the type referred to initially, which has a simple structural design and increased operational reliability. This object is achieved according to the invention by a ~~tongue lifting device with the features of claim 1. Advantageous developments of the invention are stated in the dependent claims~~ for lifting and displacing the tongue blade of a switch, with at least two rollers, the axes of which are disposed substantially parallel to a running rail in order to displace the tongue blade transversely to the running rail, at least two support carrier pins, each of which supports a roller, and a base body, which supports the support carrier pins, whereby the rollers have a projection in at least one first direction in relation to the base body, characterised in that provided between at least two adjacent rollers is a covering which is oriented towards the first direction and at least partially covers a passage between the at least two adjacent rollers and that the base body has at least one bottom section as well as one top section disposed so as to be displaceable on the bottom section, whereby the direction of displacement between the bottom section and the top section is disposed at an angle to the plane of displacement of the tongue blade.

Page 3, replace the paragraphs beginning on line 12 through page 4, line 8 with the following amended paragraphs:

To enable such a height adjustment of the roller bearing, in a preferred embodiment of the invention, the base body is divided into a top section and a bottom section whereby the rollers are mounted on the top section of the base body and the top and bottom sections are disposed so as to be displaceable against each other. In this regard, height adjustment of the roller bearing takes place by means of ~~chamfers~~inclined faces formed continuously or step-like in the contact edges of the top and bottom section, said edges lying in contact on top of each other. This ensures that the upper side of the top section is parallel to the tongue blade's displacement direction in every state of displacement.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, displacement of the bottom section and top section may take place continuously due to the design of the contact edges with corresponding ~~chamfers~~inclined faces, whereby it is possible to locate the top section on the bottom section in any intermediate position and thus achieve any height adjustment desired between a minimum and a maximum value.

In an alternative preferred embodiment of the present invention there may be one or a plurality of steps formed in the substantially ~~chamfered~~inclined contact edges of the top and bottom section, as a result of which displacement and height adjustment can take place in steps between a minimum and a maximum value. In connection with this an

especially safe and easily fixed support is provided for the top section on the bottom section due to the design of the steps.